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THE CONSTITUTION AND HAWAII. — Two recent cases before the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands decide, in effect, that the Constitution of the United States is not to-day in force in Hawaii. The report of both cases may be found in "The Pacific Commercial Advertiser" (Honolulu) of June 10, 1899. In the first, Peacock v. Hawaii, it was held that the custom duties of Hawaii in force before annexation could be collected, in spite of Article I. §§ 8 and 9, of the Constitution; in the second, Hawaii v. Edwards, that a felon may be convicted, as permitted by the Hawaiian statutes, by nine jurors and without a petit jury, in spite of the fifth and sixth amendments to the Constitution. The course of reasoning of the court may be summarized as follows: The Constitution was not extended to Hawaii by the Joint Resolution of annexation. Whether or not the Constitution is ultimately applicable to it ex proprio vigore it does not necessarily apply immediately on acquisition. The power to acquire territory carries with it, as a necessary incident, the power to continue in force the laws of the territory acquired during a transition period before complete incorporation into the United States. Such an incident is practically a necessary one, without which the power to make acquisition may often be crippled - and it cannot be assumed that the Constitution intended such a result. Further, this temporary period has not, in the present cases, extended beyond a reasonable time — and even if it had, the question would be a political one with which the courts would have nothing to do. The opinions suggest a slightly different form of argument which presents their view perhaps more plausibly. If the United States should, by treaty, acquire territory on the express condition that